

## CHARLES W. MORSE IS GIVEN FIFTEEN YEARS IN PRISON

Banker and Spectacular Financier is Found Guilty in Federal Court and Must Serve a Prison Term.

Special to The News.

NEW YORK, Nov. 6.—Judge Hough in the United States Circuit Court this morning sentenced Charles W. Morse to fifteen years in prison. A ten days' stay was granted Morse within which to perfect an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals. His fellow defendant, Alfred Curtis, had his sentence suspended.

New York, Nov. 6.—Charles W. Morse, until a year ago a dominant figure in the world of finance, and Alfred H. Curtis, former president of the National Bank of North America, were found guilty in the criminal branch of the United States circuit court on charges of misapplication of funds and falsifying the books of the bank. There was also the additional charge of conspiracy against the prisoners, but the jury acquitted the men on this count.

Within five minutes of the time the jury had rendered its verdict, Judge Hough refused to entertain a motion for bail and had committed the two bankers to the Tombs prison. The federal statutes provide a minimum penalty of five years' imprisonment for falsifying the books of a bank and a penalty of two years' imprisonment and \$5,000 fine, or both, for misapplication of funds. No alternative but imprisonment is provided for conviction on the charge of falsifying the books of the bank. The maximum penalty on this charge is 10 years' imprisonment. The jury recommended clemency for Mr. Curtis, but made no recommendation in the case of Mr. Morse.

The scene in the courtroom was a dramatic one. Mrs. Morse and Mrs. Curtis had remained in the courtroom nearly the entire day, awaiting a verdict. Mrs. Curtis showed signs



C. W. MORSE.  
New York Financier Convicted of Violating Banking Laws.

of giving way to her emotion a number of times, and once when the jury returned to the courtroom to receive instructions on the manner in which the conspiracy charge should be considered, Mrs. Morse broke down and sobbed.

It was evident by the excitement of court attendants some minutes before the jury filed in with a verdict that a decision had been reached, and the news was quickly communicated to the principals in the case. This gave Mr. Morse and Mr. Curtis time to prepare themselves and to speak words of encouragement to their wives.

A large crowd had hurried into the courtroom to hear the verdict. As the doors leading to the jury room were thrown open, silence fell upon the crowd. It could be seen from the solemn faces of the jurors that an important verdict was to be delivered.

Foreman John Elder, responding to the customary question of the court clerk, read the verdict. Mr. Morse and Mr. Curtis stood before the jury while Mr. Elder was reading the verdict.

"We have agreed upon a verdict in the case of both defendants," said the foreman, in a subdued voice. "On the charge of conspiracy we find them not guilty." A look of relief came to the faces of the prisoners, but it only lasted a moment, for Mr. Elder continued: "On the charge of misapplication of the funds of the

bank, we find both defendants guilty. On the charge of making false entries in the books of the bank, we find both defendants guilty. In the case of Alfred H. Curtis, the jury wishes to make a strong recommendation to the mercy of the court."

A stifled sob of relief escaped Mrs. Curtis as she heard the recommendation of mercy for her husband. Mr. Curtis took the verdict like a stoic, but Morse was unable to conceal the disappointment he felt, while his wife showed no signs of emotion. She kept her eyes on her husband, seemingly forgetting herself and being concerned only on his account.

## JUDGE HARGIS'S WILL FILED AND PROBATED

Entire Property is Left Undivided and Son and Daughter Are Cut Off.

JACKSON, Ky., Nov. 6.—The will of the late Judge James Hargis was produced in the Breathitt County Court and duly proved and probated before Judge S. S. Taulbee. The witnesses to the execution of the will are Floyd Day, now administrator of the Hargis estate, and Judge J. J. C. Bach, the attorney who prepared it. The will is dated June 5th, 1906, and, by its provisions, bequeaths all of the property of Judge Hargis of every kind to his widow, Mrs. Luella Hargis. Judge Hargis, the youthful slayer of his father, receives nothing whatever from the Hargis estate. Neither does Mrs. Evelyn Hogg, the only daughter of Judge Hargis. By an order of the County Court Floyd Day was discharged as administrator and all property and funds of the estate turned over to Mrs. Hargis.

## ESCAPES DEATH BY A NARROW MARGIN

Ben Quinn, a Painter, is Nearly Run Over By a C. & O. Train.

Ben Quinn, a painter and upholsterer of this city, had a narrow escape from losing a limb at the Union Depot last night. Quinn, it is said, was drinking and had got on the C. & O. train to see a friend who was passing through here, and after the train had started he attempted to get off, and his foot struck a switch, throwing him down.

One of his feet slipped back under the wheel of the moving train and the heel of his shoe as torn off and his heel badly bruised and cut.

Dr. Shirley was summoned and dressed his wound, and no serious results are expected.

## KEHOE IS DEFEATED BY 600 PLURALITY

Latest Returns Indicate a Victory For Bryan in State By Eleven Thousand.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Nov. 6.—More complete returns from the State indicate that Bryan has carried Kentucky by a plurality approximately 11,000. This is likely to be increased slightly by the official count.

The Republicans have elected their candidates for Congress in the Ninth Tenth and Eleventh Districts. Kehoe Democrat, in the Ninth is defeated by Congressman Bennett by a plurality in excess of 600.

## JURY IS DISCHARGED.

The writ of forcible detainer that was sworn out against W. H. Huls, who runs the Court View Hotel, by V. W. Bush, representing W. H. Lohmeyer, of St. Louis, who claims to be the owner of the hotel, was dismissed in Judge Evans' court this afternoon. On motion, the jury was instructed to find a verdict for the defendant.

## MARYLAND WILL DIVIDE ITS VOTE

Leaders of Both Parties Claim Victory Will Be Very Small.

New York, Nov. 6.—The membership of the electoral college which will choose the next president of the United States remained in dispute when the official counters in Maryland abandoned their task for the day. According to the best information obtainable, the proportionate numbers of Republican and Democratic electors will be determined by a division of Maryland's eight votes.

Half of the city of Baltimore and two of the 23 counties outside of that city are still to be counted, but there is a strong indication that the state's vote will be split. In any event, the margin of victory will be so small that the state is claimed by the leaders of both parties. Though the splitting of a state's electoral vote is unusual, it will be recalled that in 1904 Maryland elected one Republican and seven Democratic electors.

Missouri appears to be safely for Taft, to whom the latest returns give a plurality of 2,371.

Conceding Missouri to Taft, and leaving Maryland to be split between him and Bryan, the figures show 319 Republican electors assured and 156 Democratic.

Latest congressional returns indicate that the next congress will be composed of 216 Republicans and 175 Democrats, a majority for the Republicans of 41.

The returns for the Socialist and Prohibition parties are still far from complete, but indicate that the hopes of the Socialists have not been realized, and that the Prohibitionists, in certain sections where gains have been expected, have been disappointed. The figures for the Independence party vote are also insufficient to give an accurate idea of what the party accomplished.

Outside of the returns, political interest was engaged in the exchange of messages of congratulation and thanks between Mr. Taft and Mr. Bryan; a statement by Mr. Bryan in which he sets forth his determination to continue his work for the good of all in the capacity of a private citizen, and the announcement by Mr. Sherman that it cost him just \$2,800 to be elected vice president.

## Maryland's Vote Is Divided.

Baltimore, Nov. 6.—The official canvass of Tuesday's vote was begun in Maryland and completed in 21 of the 23 counties outside of Baltimore city. In Baltimore it was but half finished when the board of canvassers suspended its labors. Until this count is completed the result will remain in doubt. In some counties there was a wide difference in the vote on presidential electors on both tickets, which made the situation more complicated. It is generally conceded, however, that Maryland's vote in the electoral college will be split.

## CHINA FEELS SHE HAS BEEN SLIGHTED

Wanted the Whole Fleet, Not Squadron.

Peking, Nov. 6.—Although the American squadron has left Amoy, the matter of their presence at the southern port has not been more than mentioned in Peking. Officials are silent, and the impression of general humiliation at the fact that only a squadron came instead of the whole fleet can not be concealed. The meagerness of the reply of the foreign board to Admiral Sperry's message of congratulation on the birthday of the dowager empress also has attracted attention, and it is clear that the throne has been indifferent to the whole affair. There are people also who point to the fact that Amoy has had a severe storm while the weather in the north has been beautiful and clear, as an evidence of the mistake of the authorities in selecting Amoy as a port of call. In short, it is generally realized and declared in Peking that the coming of the squadron and not the main fleet will have an unfavorable effect upon present relations.

## Well-Known Scientist Dies.

Washington, Nov. 6.—Professor Otis T. Mason, head curator of the department of anthropology of the national museum, and the oldest scientist of that institution, died here as the result of paralysis. He was 70 years old.

## LAI TO REST AT OLD HOME

Remains of Mr. D. W. Van Arsdale Are Brought From Georgia.

The remains of Mr. D. W. Van Arsdale, agent for the Hagan engines in the State of Georgia, who committed suicide at Macon, Ga., Tuesday morning were laid to rest at his old home in Harrodsburg Thursday morning.

The cause of Mr. Van Arsdale's rash act is not definitely known, but it is thought that it was due to ill health. Mr. Van Arsdale was in bad health for a few months during the summer and spent a few weeks at his home in this city, where he was under the care of a physician. He returned to Georgia and it is said that he enjoyed perfect health until a day or two before he killed himself.

His oldest son who was working with him in Georgia and occupying the same apartments in a boarding house said that on Tuesday morning his father arose about 5 o'clock and said that he was not feeling good and went to the bath room to get a pitcher of water. Nothing serious was thought of his illness at the time by the son and he went back to sleep. Later on in the morning when he rose he found that his father had not returned and at once went to the bath room to see if his father was there. The door was locked from the inside and on looking over the transom he found his father lying with his face downward dead and a revolver by his side.

He had evidently placed the barrel of it in his mouth as it is said that his mouth was powder burned on the inside. The ball ranged upward and came out the top of his head.

Mr. Van Arsdale belonged to one of the largest and most respected families in Mercer county and has a number of friends who will regret to hear of his tragic end. Mr. Lee Todd, secretary of the Hagan Gas Engine Company, and Mr. Tobin, of the Natural Gas Company, of this city, attended the funeral.

## WISEMAN IS HELD TO ANSWER

Examining Trial Concludes and Judge Evans Refuses Bail.

The examining trial of Henry Wiseman, the farmer who it is alleged criminally assaulted his fifteen-year-old step-daughter, near this city about three weeks ago, was finished in Judge Evans' court this morning. After hearing the evidence, Judge Evans refused to grant Wiseman bail and he was sent back to jail to await the action of Circuit Court.

## CANVASSES RETURNS

The Clark County Election Committee met in the County Clerk's office, Friday morning, and canvassed the vote of the county. The official vote is as follows:

For President—Bryan, 2,525; Taft, 1,859; Prohibitionist, 25.  
For Congress—Davis, 2,496; Langley, 1,866; Prohibitionist, 125.

## SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

Charles Wilt, a plumber, while working at the house being erected by Sid Elkin on Main street Wednesday struck a nail in his foot. He is now confined to the house in a serious condition.

## KICKED BY HORSE.

Fred Peyton, the five-year-old son of Mr. P. M. Peyton was kicked by a horse Thursday night. His upper lip was badly cut and serious internal injuries were at first feared. Dr. Bush was called in. The little fellow was much better Friday morning.

## The Wife's Refuge.

If it wasn't for telling their husbands not to smoke too much and not to eat so fast, what would wives do for conversation with their husbands? —Acheson Globe

## PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT MAY BE SENATOR FROM EMPIRE STATE

Is Being Mentioned as Successor to Senator Platt—Intimate Friends Declare that He Would Accept the Position.

Special to The News.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 6.—President Roosevelt has been mentioned again as the successor to Senator Platt, whose term as Senator from New York expires next March. Senator Platt has already announced that he will not

be a candidate for re-election on account of his advanced age.

Intimate friends of the President declare that Roosevelt would accept. A precedent is found for accepting such position, in the country's past history. John Quincy Adams, after retiring from this great office, served for many years in the House of Representatives.

## ANOTHER DEMOCRAT WINS IN OHIO

Chairman Farley Claims Election of State Treasurer by Fifty Thousand Majority.

Special to The News.

COLUMBUS, O., Nov. 6.—Chairman Farley of the Democratic State Central Committee claims the election of Creamer over Greene, the Republican candidate, for State Treasurer by fifty thousand majority based on the revised returns from fifty-two counties.

## EARTHQUAKE IN GERMANY

Violent Shock This Morning Terrifies the Inhabitants Who Flee.

Special to The News.

PLAVEN, Germany, Nov. 6.—A violent earthquake shock was felt at an early hour this morning. The inhabitants were terrified and fled from their houses to the streets and many even left the town. Houses were shaken and thunderous rumblings of the earth were heard.

## ANNOUNCES AGAINST SPEAKER JOE CANNON

Congressman Charles N. Fowler Will Be Candidate in New Congress.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 6.—Congressman Charles N. Fowler, of the Fifth New Jersey District, has announced his candidacy for Speaker of the House of Representatives to succeed Joseph G. Cannon, of Illinois. Mr. Fowler is Chairman of the Banking and Currency Committee of the National House and was the author of one of the currency measures before Congress last year, some of the provisions of which were incorporated in the bill which was finally enacted into law.

## AFTER FORAKER.

Burton Begins His Canvass For Senator. A. I. Vorys and Charles P. Taft Also in the Running.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 6.—Congressman Burton has begun an active canvass for election to the Senate to succeed Foraker. Fourteen members elect from this county have pledged themselves to him to-day. Arthur I. Vorys and Charles P. Taft are the other candidates.

## Rare Musical Treat.

Mr. Charles Scott, manager of the Lexington Opera House, where the Dunsmore Opera Company played Thursday night, sent the following telegram to Mr. S. Dinelli, Friday afternoon:

"The Dunsmore Opera Company is one of the best singing organizations ever played in my theatre. Urge our people to see it. It will be a rare musical treat."

Mellowed by Tribulation. It has done me good to be somewhat parched by the heat and drenched by the rain of life.—Longfellow.

## RECEIVES GAS ENGINE ORDER FROM JAMACIA

Hagan Gas Engine Company is Now Employing Forty Men.

The Hagan Gas Engine Company received an order this morning from the Jamaica Islands for a two horse power gas engine. This is the second order that the company has received from that place, in the last few weeks.

The company is now employing forty men and they say that if business continues to pick up like it has the past few days since the election, they will have to double their force in order to keep up with the orders.

## \$30,000 SPENT ON PIKES IN BOURBON

Report For the Year Made to Fiscal Court By the Supervisor.

PARIS, Ky., Nov. 6.—The Bourbon Fiscal Court met today in monthly session with Judge Denis Dundon presiding, and the full board of magistrates present.

Turmpike Supervisor C. R. Redmon, read his report for the month of October, which showed that much progress had been made during the summer months in the reconstruction and repair of the county's roads.

The amount expended this year on the county's roads will approximate \$30,000 and for the past three years a total of nearly \$80,000.

Supervisor Redmon says the roads are one hundred per cent better than they were three years ago, and that the work of reconstruction will go on uninterrupted till the entire 300 miles of turnpike will be reconstructed with rolled macadam.

## BUY 100,000 POUNDS OF EQUITY TOBACCO.

Mt. Sterling Men Pay 12 to 14 Cents and Will Keep it in the Pool.

MT. STEDLING, Ky., Nov. 6.—J. M. Biggerstaff and M. O. Cockrell have purchased from their tenants about 100,000 pounds of 1907 tobacco, now in the pool, at prices ranging from 12 to 14 cents, and will keep it in the Society.

## FOUR MINERS ENTOMBED.

Benton, Ill., Nov. 6.—An explosion at the mine of Colonel W. P. Bond, 10 miles west of Benton, wrecked the main shaft, and as a result four shot-firers are entombed. Word has just reached here that the mine of Joseph Leiter of Zeigler, in Franklin county, is on fire.

So terrific was the explosion that a car and pieces of railroad track were hurled from the bottom to the top of the shaft, more than 600 feet, demolishing a steel trolley. It is impossible to reach the firers, and their fate is unknown. A large force of men is trying to clear away the wreckage, but the work is proceeding slowly. Unless the men are reached soon they will suffocate. The names of the entombed miners are George Reed, Patrick Dailey, Perry Stevens and John Holmes.

No workmen are in the Letter mine at Zeigler, which is burning, but several mules are within. The chain and airshafts have been plugged in an effort to smother the fire.

Big boom is prophesied in iron and steel.